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Tom Wheeler Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler:

We in Delaware are proud to be the First State. We weren't just the first state to ratify the Constitution. We were also the first state to trial Comcast's pioneering Internet Essentials program.

I am the current Governor of Delaware, a former Delaware State Treasurer, and a former Comcast executive. I have gotten a firsthand look at the serious benefits that Comcast continues to bring our state as its major broadband and cable provider. Please approve the proposed Comcast – Time Warner transaction to ensure that these momentous investments don't end with Delaware, but are instead enabled to better the lives of millions around the country.

Comcast currently serves the majority of my state. The company has around 191,000 subscribers in our state, and nearly 1,300 full-time employees. We have seen Comcast's ongoing commitment to infrastructure and community. Since 1996, Delaware has benefitted from over \$350 million in capital investment from Comcast. Our state's businesses can compete throughout the world with state-of-the-art, high-speed Comcast broadband technology. The ongoing, substantial investment means that our state's infrastructure will not stagnate. Comcast enables continued growth in all sectors of our economy through their consistent development.

Comcast's development doesn't just serve businesses. Comcast's Internet Essentials program is rapidly closing the Digital Divide. Kuumba Academy Charter School in Wilmington played host to the first trial of the program, which connects low-income families to high-speed internet infrastructure at home. We were proud to provide a successful test of the initiative, which has since provided over 300,000 households nationwide with the access they need to our digital economy. In Delaware, more than 1,500 households have taken advantage of this program, and the number increases every day. A combined Time Warner

- Comcast entity could empower more children than ever before to seize their futures through this innovative program.

Comcast's corporate citizenship doesn't operate from 9 to 5. We see their sustained partnerships everywhere we look in our communities. Comcast employees fully participate in making our towns and cities better places to live through corporate programs like Comcast Cares Day and United Way contributions, which drew nearly 1,000 volunteers and 1,000 pledges in 2013 alone, respectively.

Delaware has been the First State since 1787. We have been a model for the rest of the country since this nation's founding. Comcast's investments in Delaware, in our infrastructure and in our communities, is similarly a model of corporate citizenship for our country. I humbly urge your approval of this transaction so that this kind of community citizenship can reach even more communities in our great nation.

Sincerely,

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Governor